

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A glass-ceramic plate comprising:

a first surface provided with pegs, the plate configured to equip a hob; and

a second surface, opposite the first surface,

wherein at least one smooth region, free of pegs, is reserved in a location on the first surface, in a mounted position, face to face with one or more elements viewable through the at least one smooth region, and the second surface includes a raised boss in a neighboring area opposite the at least one smooth region,

the boss extends from a first edge of the glass-ceramic plate to a second edge of the glass-ceramic plate, and

the boss is a portion of the glass-ceramic plate with a first thickness, and the first thickness is greater than a second thickness of the glass-ceramic plate measured at a portion of the glass-ceramic plate adjacent the boss.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The glass-ceramic plate as claimed in claim 14, wherein the at least one smooth region of the first surface is parallel to the second surface.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The glass-ceramic plate according to claim 15, wherein the at least one smooth region of the first surface is located in a plane of projecting ends of the pegs; or in a plane of bottoms of hollow regions between the pegs; or in a plane intermediate between the plane of the projecting ends of the pegs and the plane of the bottoms of the hollow regions between the pegs.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The glass-ceramic plate as claimed in claim 14, wherein the first surface provided with pegs comprises a smooth region, without pegs, which smooth region is formed by a strip parallel to one edge of the plate, near to the edge, the strip corresponding to an area of a series of display modules for displaying heating powers or other information for a user.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The plate as claimed in claim 17, wherein the second surface comprises a groove parallel to the strip in a neighboring area of the strip opposite the edge.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The plate as claimed in claim 14, wherein the second surface comprises one or more undulations, facing the at least one smooth region free of pegs.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The plate as claimed in claim 14, wherein the pegs have a height of from 0.10 to 0.30 mm.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The plate as claimed in claim 14, wherein the at least one smooth region of the first surface is protected during transport of the plate by a polymer, which can include a peelable transparent protective sheet made of polyethylene.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): A hob, comprising:

a glass-ceramic plate as defined in claim 14, the at least one smooth region free of pegs corresponding to areas of display modules for displaying heating powers or other information useful to a user.

Claim 23 (Withdrawn): A process for manufacturing by melt-rolling a glass-ceramic plate as defined in claim 14, comprising a rolling device including two rollers between which molten glass to be rolled is passed to obtain a ribbon whose length corresponds to one or more plates, one of the rollers comprising a surface with pegs, wherein the roller with pegs comprises at least one smooth region free of pegs, the at least one smooth region on the surface of the roller being dimensioned and positioned to form, during rolling, at least one peg-free region on a surface of the ribbon, dimensioned and positioned to be, after an operation of cutting the ribbon into plates having final dimensions, face to face with one or more elements of the plates, the blurred view of which due to the pegs must be improved.

Claim 24 (Withdrawn): The process as claimed in claim 23, for manufacturing a glass-ceramic plate, wherein the peg-free region of the roller includes a strip or a portion of a cylindrical strip located close to an edge of the roller to obtain a lower peg-free strip parallel to an edge of the plate.

Claim 25 (Withdrawn): An apparatus for manufacturing, by melt-rolling, a glass-ceramic plate as defined in claim 14, comprising:

a rolling device including two rollers between which molten glass to be rolled is passed to obtain a ribbon whose length corresponds to one or more plates, one of the rollers comprising a surface with pegs,

wherein the roller with pegs comprises at least one smooth region free of pegs, the at least one smooth region on the surface of the roller being dimensioned and positioned to form, during rolling, at least one peg-free region on a surface of the ribbon, dimensioned and positioned to be, after an operation of cutting the ribbon into plates having final dimensions, face to face with one or more elements of the plates, the blurred view of which due to the pegs must be improved.

Claim 26 (Withdrawn): The apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the peg-free region of the roller includes a strip or a portion of cylindrical strip located close to an edge of the roller, to obtain a lower peg-free strip parallel to an edge of the plate.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A glass-ceramic plate comprising:  
a first surface provided with pegs, the plate configured to equip a hob; and  
a second surface, opposite the first surface,  
wherein at least one smooth region, free of pegs, is reserved in a location on the first surface, in a mounted position, face to face with one or more elements viewable through the at least one smooth region, and the second surface includes a raised boss opposite a boundary of the at least one smooth region,

the boss extends from a first edge of the glass-ceramic plate to a second edge of the glass-ceramic plate, and

the boss is a portion of the glass-ceramic plate with a first thickness, and the first thickness is greater than a second thickness of the glass-ceramic plate measured at a portion of the glass-ceramic plate adjacent the boss.

Claim 28 (New): The glass-ceramic plate as claimed in claim 14, wherein the boss extends in a straight line from the first edge to the second edge.

Claim 29 (New): The glass-ceramic plate as claimed in claim 27, wherein the boss extends in a straight line from the first edge to the second edge.